

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10, 12, 26, 29-31, 34, 63 and 67-99 have been amended. No claims have been canceled and no new claims have been added. The claims were amended as per the request of the Examiner to correct improperly multiply dependent claims as well as elements lacking antecedent basis. All amendments are supported by the specification and the originally filed claims.

RESTRICTION

The claims have been restricted to eight groups. Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-10, 12-17, 19-21, 23-31, 34, 38-53, 55-62, 63 (NO:9 to 13) and 64-99, drawn to a pro- α chain comprising a triple helical domain and laminin.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims 1-10, 12-17, 19-21, 23-31, 34, 38-53, 55-62, 63 (NO:9 to 13) and 64-99 now stand ready for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0851:

☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

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